

HOUSE BILL 2279

By Floyd

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 68,  
Chapter 15, Part 3, relative to public restrooms  
and dressing rooms.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1 Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 68 , Chapter 15, Part 3, is amended by  
adding the following language as a new section:

68-15-304

(a) As used in this section:

(1) "Sex" means and refers only to the designation of an  
individual person as male or female as indicated on the individual's birth  
certificate;

(2) "Public building" means a building owned or leased by the  
state, any agency or instrumentality of the state or any political  
subdivision of the state;

(3) "Restroom" means a room maintained within or on the  
premises of any public building and made available to the public,  
containing toilet facilities for use by employees or the public;

(5) "Dressing room" means a room maintained within or on the  
premises of any public building, used primarily for changing clothes.

(b) Except as provided in § 68-15-303, where a restroom or dressing  
room in a public building is designated for use by members of one particular sex,  
only members of that particular sex shall be permitted to use that restroom or  
dressing room.

(c) A violation of subsection (b) is a Class C misdemeanor punishable by a to a fine of fifty dollars (\$50.00).

SECTION 2. If any provision of this act or the application thereof to any person or circumstance is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions or applications of the act which can be given effect without the invalid provision or application, and to that end the provisions of this act are declared to be severable.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.